

**AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 10, 15 and 24-29 as follows. A copy of all pending claims and a status of the claims is provided below.

10. (currently amended) A recirculating filter system adapted for use in a septic system, comprising:

a tank having an inlet and an outlet and troughs forming channels integrally ~~formed~~ in at least the bottom and ~~sides thereof~~ side walls of the tank;

at least one mattress-like filter placed within the tank, the mattress-like filter having aggregate material sealed therein.

11. (original) The recirculating filter system of claim 10, wherein at the at least one mattress-like filter is at least two mattress-like filters.

12. (original) The recirculating filter system of claim 11, wherein each of the mattress-like filters have a different sized aggregate sealed therein.

13. (original) The recirculating filter system of claim 12, wherein a finer sized aggregate filled mattress-like filter of the at least two mattress-like filters is placed on top of a larger sized aggregate filled mattress-like filter of the at least two mattress-like filters within the tank.

14. (original) The recirculating filter system of claim 10, wherein the aggregate material is synthetic particles.

15. (currently amended) The recirculating filter system of claim 14, wherein the synthetic particles ~~are~~ is propylene ~~or polychloride~~.

16. (currently amended) The recirculating filter system of claim 14, wherein the synthetic particles have a specific gravity of approximately  $.9 \pm 3\%$ .
17. (original) The recirculating filter system of claim 10, wherein the at least one mattress-like filter is made from fabric or a synthetic material.
18. (original) The recirculating filter system of claim 17, wherein the synthetic material is propylene or ethylene clothing.
19. (original) The recirculating filter system of claim 18, wherein a weave of the fabric or the synthetic material is small than a diameter of the aggregate material sealed therein thus preventing migration thereof.
21. (previously amended) The recirculating filter system of claim 10, further comprising a sheet placed over the troughs of the side of the tank.
22. (original) The recirculating filter system 10, wherein the tank is a precast concrete or a synthetic material.
23. (original) The recirculating filter system of claim 22, wherein the tank includes a flange and ribs disposed about a periphery thereof.
24. (currently amended) A recirculating filter tank system adapted for use in a septic system, comprising:
  - a tank having a bottom and sides, and an inlet and outlet; and
  - troughs forming grooves integrally ~~formed~~ in at least the bottom and sides of the tank.

25. (currently amended) The recirculating filter tank system of claim 24, wherein the tank is made from one of precast concrete and a synthetic material.

26. (currently amended) The recirculating filter tank system of claim 24, wherein the tank includes an inlet pipe which extends from an interior to an exterior of the tank.

27. (currently amended) The recirculating filter tank system of claim 24, further comprising a sheet placed on one of the bottom and the sides of the tank.

28. (currently amended) The recirculating filter tank system of claim 27, wherein the sheet includes perforations so that effluent can flow from a filter to the integral troughs.

29. (currently amended) The recirculating filter tank system of claim 24, wherein the tank further includes a flange and ribs.